

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An authentication method comprising the steps of:
sending an address of a registration screen to a communication device of a
5 user, the address including a registration identifier for identifying the user and/or the
communication device;
authenticating the user based on the registration identifier and a first
password that is entered in the registration screen and returned when the address is
accessed;
10 sending a login screen to the user when the authenticating step succeeds, the
login screen including a field into which a second password is entered, and a login
identifier for identifying the user and/or the communication device; and
authenticating the user based on the login identifier included in the login
screen, and the second password that are returned by the user.
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2. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein the
registration identifier and the login identifier differ from each other.
3. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein the first and
20 second passwords are the same.
4. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein the login
identifier in the login screen is a device identifier that the communication device
automatically sends for particularly identifying the communication device.

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5. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein the step of sending the login screen to the user enables the user to save contents of the login screen in the communication device.

6. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein an address of the login screen includes the identifier; and

wherein the step of sending the login screen to the user enables the user to save the address of the login screen in the communication device.

7. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein the authenticating step using the registration identifier and the first password disables the registration screen to be accessed when the authenticating step succeeds.

8. An authentication method according to claim 1, wherein the first password that has been entered in the registration screen and returned will not be accepted unless the password is returned within a predetermined time.

9. An authentication device comprising:

a storage part that stores user information, a registration identifier, a registration password verification information, login identifier, login password verification information while correlating them with one another;

a first control part that sends an address of a registration screen to a communication device of a user, the address including a registration identifier for identifying the user and/or the communication device;

a second control part that provides the communication device with the registration screen including a field into which a registration password is entered, and

the registration identifier in response to a request for the registration screen from the communication device, and that authenticates the user with reference to the storage part when the user enters the login password in the registration screen and returns the same; and

- 5 a third control part that provides the communication device with the login screen including a field into which a login password is entered, and the login identifier when the authentication succeeds, and that authenticates the user with reference to the storage part when the user enters the login password in the login screen and returns the same.

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